

REMARKS

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 22, 2005 and with an extension of time of THREE MONTHS, the present paper is timely filed on or before February 22, 2006. Applicants respectfully submit that the present amendments either meet requirements set forth in the Office Action or, in any event, place the claims in better condition for appeal, wherefor entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the Application are respectfully requested.

Applicants acknowledge with gratitude the recitation in the Office Action that claims 90 – 96 are allowed.

Cancellation of claims

Claims 1 – 89 and 97 – 112 are cancelled without prejudice or

Conclusion

All rejected claims have been canceled whereby the present Amendment conforms to the requirements of the Office Action. Claims 90 – 96 remain in the Application and have previously been noted as allowable, wherefor timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of the application and issue of a Notice of Allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

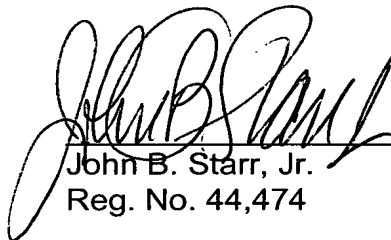
Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for an extension of time to reply of THREE MONTHS for which a fee of \$1,020.00 is due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a).

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit deposit account 11-0600 in the amount of \$ 1,020.00 for the extension fee due herewith under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). Applicants respectfully submit that no additional fee is due with this paper. If an additional fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit deposit account 11-0600 in the amount of such fee.

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Respectfully submitted,



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